



Duns Pipe Band

Scottish Charity No. SC030190

Chairperson: Iain Lothian
Treasurer: Tina Robertson,
Interim Secretary: Andrew Ainslie,



CONSTITUTION

1. NAME:

The Band will be called Duns Pipe Band (hereinafter referred to as the Band).

2. OBJECTS:

The objects of the Band shall be to advance the education of the public in the art of Bagpipe playing and Drumming by the presentation of public performances and other related activities and in furtherance thereof:

- I) To promote the traditions and playing of pipe band music generally.
- II) To endeavour to maintain the highest standard of playing through the teaching of both learners and players, showing the necessary aptitude, regardless of their financial situation
- III) To provide, where necessary, all equipment to achieve a high level of turnout of both playing and the appearance of the Band.

3. MEMBERSHIP:

3.1 The membership shall consist of:

- I) Voting members - full playing members of the band that are aged 18 years and over.
- II) Non-voting members – learners and full playing members that are under the age of 18.
- III) Office Bearers who can be non playing members aged 18 years and over. Office Bearers are voting members

3.2 Membership of the Band shall cease:

- i) When a member intimates their wish to resign.
- ii) If a resolution is passed by the Committee to remove a member.
- iii) On the death of a member.





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4. MANAGEMENT:

4.1 The management of the Band shall be the responsibility of the Committee. The Committee will consist of:

Chairperson
Pipe Major
Leading Drummer
Secretary
Treasurer
Two full playing members

4.2 Each member of the Committee shall have one vote. Decisions shall be made by a majority of votes in the case of a tied vote the Chairperson shall have second and casting vote.

4.3 A member of the Committee can resign from post by giving written notice of their intention to the Secretary.

4.4 The quorum for a Committee meeting shall be 3 voting members of the Committee. If only a quorum is present at a Committee meeting any decisions must be unanimous.

4.5 The Committee shall meet at least twice per year.

4.6 The Secretary will notify Committee members of the meeting date and time at least fourteen days prior to a meeting.

4.7 Committee members must give their apologies to the Secretary prior to the Meeting.

4.8 If a Committee member fails to attend three consecutive Committee meetings without giving apologies or being granted leave of absence, they will be deemed to be no longer Committee members.





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5. GENERAL MEETINGS:

- 5.1 An Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held each year in the month of November where annual accounts will be approved for submission to OSCR.
- 5.2. Election of the Committee.
- 5.3. A Special General Meeting can be called following a written request from 20% for the current voting membership.
- 5.4 A quorum of eight people is required for General Meetings.
- 5.5. Thirty days notice shall be given to all voting members of any General Meeting.
- 5.6. All decisions will be by a majority.
- 5.7. The Chairman shall hold the casting vote. Only voting members are eligible to vote at a General Meeting.

6. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION:

- 6.1. Changes to the Constitution shall require a 2/3rd's majority of those present and eligible to vote at a General Meeting.
- 6.2 All proposals for changes to the Constitution shall be signed by two members eligible to vote at a General Meeting.

7. FINANCE & ACCOUNTS:

- 7.1. The financial year shall run from November to October each year
- 7.2 The Treasurer shall be responsible for arranging the preparation and auditing of the Annual Accounts prior to the AGM.
- 7.3. All cheques drawn against the bands funds shall be signed by the Treasurer and one other nominated Office Bearer.
- 7.4. The Secretary shall be responsible for circulating copies of the audited accounts at the AGM.





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8. WINDING UP:

In the event of the winding up of the band, any assets thereof shall not be distributed amongst the members of the Band in anyway whatsoever. Any assets/funds remaining after the satisfaction of all proper debts/liabilities shall be given to or transferred to another recognised charitable organisation(s), or other pipe band, providing that the Band is a registered charity, by a simple majority of those present and eligible to vote at the final Special General Meeting at the time of the winding up of the Band.

9. DECLARATION:

We hereby certify that this document is a true copy of the Duns Pipe Band Constitution.

Signed: Iain Lothian
Chairperson & Trustee
Office held: _____
Address: 5 Springfield Drive, Duns, Berwickshire, TD11 3BA
Date: 23rd October 2025

Signed: A.Ainslie
Interim Secretary
Office Held: _____
Address: Beech Bank, Main Street, Gavinton, Duns, Berwickshire TD11 3QT
Date: 23rd October 2025

